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## BAD MEN NABBED BY CITY OFFICIALS

Act Suspiciously On Street and Are  
Locked Up.

TURNED OVER TO GOVERNMENT.

Had Lots of Money and Valuable  
Papers in Their Possession.

The two men arrested on suspicion here last week by City Marshal Wright and placed in jail for further investigation, were turned over to the government officials and taken to Santa Fe Friday night, where they will be held pending the outcome of the case.

The men arrived in Columbus last Wednesday from Denning, having walked from the county seat, carrying their possessions in a little express wagon which they had purchased at that place. They took rooms at the Central Rooming House and remained indoors during the day. Wednesday night as Marshal Wright was making his rounds he noticed the two men on the streets and later caught them looking into store windows and otherwise acting in a suspicious manner. He arrested them and placed them in jail.

When searched the men had \$371.00 in cash between them in U. S. money, and \$33.00 in English paper money, besides a number of letters and papers, the contents of which were not divulged.

They gave their names as J. C. Dutch and Lee Whittam, and claimed Chicago as their home. The said they were on their way to "California." Letters found in the possession of Whittam referred to an important deal that was to be pulled off at San Francisco, but did not divulge the nature of the deal. Caching weapons and other articles were also found in their grips.

The arrest was reported to the government officials and Friday night United States Marshal Hunt arrived from Santa Fe and carried the two men to the state capital where they will be given a hearing. Marshal Hunt stated that in the arrest of Whittam he thought the government had landed a man that had been wanted a long time and that the local officers had made a fine "catch."

## PROMINENT Y. M. C. A. WORKER VISITS COLUMBUS

Mr. W. H. Day, Interstate Secretary Young Men's Christian Association of Arizona, New Mexico and Western Texas, was a visitor to Columbus last Saturday in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work here, and was a pleasant caller at the Courier office. Mr. Day established the Y. M. C. A. in Columbus and is very much interested in the success of the organization and its work. He was also instrumental in establishing five Y. M. C. A.'s at Denning during the past few weeks, for the benefit of the soldiers at Camp Cody. Mr. Day was accompanied to Columbus by Mr. W. D. Garrett, of Duluth, Minn., and went from here to Hatchita, where he expects to establish another Y. M. C. A. with Mr. Garrett as secretary in charge.

## PRESERVE WILD GAME.

Don't merely preserve the letter of the game laws, but preserve the spirit as well.

Our wild game is worthy of preserving. Much of it is as found in this country nine times out of ten is of value to the county.

There has been too much slaughter for the sake of slaughter in the country. That's why we now have a multitude of game laws that lodge in a once common sport on all sides. It has come to the point, however, where absolute restrictions are more and more necessary; if we would retain what little game we still possess. Let every person realize that the spirit of the game laws is to preserve the common heritage of all, and the best way to do this is to avoid slaughter of all animals except those that are natural enemies to the human race or vermin.

Mutt and Jeff Cartoons at Columbus Theatre, Friday and Saturday.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD AT COLUMBUS

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that examinations held below will be held in Columbus, New Mexico, October 25 and 27.

Application blanks and further information relative to these examinations may be obtained from the Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District, Room 211, Post Office Building, San Francisco, California, or from the Postmaster, Columbus, N. M.

First Grade, vacancies in position of clerk, Quartermaster's Corps, \$75 to \$100 per month.

Clerk with experience, vacancies in Quartermaster's Corps, \$75 to \$100 per month.

Third Grade, subaltern, vacancies in the Quartermaster's Corps in positions of clerk, \$75 per month and watchman, \$50 per month and ration.

Noneducational examinations, vacancies in Quartermaster's Corps: Wheelwright, \$100 per month; Blacksmith, \$75 per month; Pharmacist, \$125; Pipefitter, \$80; Electrician, \$60; Engineer, \$75 to \$100; Wagonmaster, \$75.

## DEATH OF WILLIAM MANNING.

William Jetty Manning, age 70 years, died at his ranch home near Waterloo at 11 o'clock Monday morning, October 1st.

Mr. Manning had been a resident of this county for about five years, coming here from Texas. He was a native of Alabama, and a civil war veteran. After the war he moved to Texas, where he resided until he came to New Mexico, about five years ago, and settled a claim near Columbus, where he resided until his death.

Mr. Manning had been ill but a short time and his death was unexpected by his family. The morning he died he was up and about as usual and partook of a hearty breakfast. About 11 o'clock he was discovered by his wife sitting in the doorway with his hands resting on his knees. Upon investigation it was found that he was unconscious. He was removed to his bed chamber and medical aid summoned, but before the doctor arrived he had passed away.

The deceased leaves a wife and eight children, seven boys and one girl. They are Henry Manning, of Toconia, Wash.; George Manning, of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mrs. Fannie Adams, of Delwin, Tex.; Will Manning, of Middleton, Tex., who were unable to be present at the funeral; and James, Robert, Lee and John Manning, who reside at Waterloo. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the family home near Waterloo, the services being conducted by Rev. Grover Linn, our new Methodist minister.

The Courier joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy in this hour of great grief.

## MURDER CASE. WITNESS ARRESTED.

Mabel Walker, colored, wanted as a witness in the murder trial of Private Dunn, of the 24th Infantry, who made her escape after the shooting took place at her home several weeks ago, was arrested Saturday night by City Marshal Wright on her return here from Arizona, where she had been in hiding. She was placed in jail until Tuesday, the date set for the trial of Dunn. Dunn was tried on the charge of killing Howard Mills, another negro soldier, by the army officials, but the outcome of the case has not yet been given out.

## COLUMBUS CITIZENS WANT LIBERTY BONDS.

The Columbus State Bank has had several applications this week for bonds, was the second to file application for one of these valuable pieces of paper being made by Custom Collector Leo Riggs. Russian J. E. Colman, of the 11th Cavalry Band, was the second to file application for a Liberty Loan Bond. Several other applications have been made to the bank for Liberty Loan Bonds, and from present indications Columbus will do her bit in great share toward subscribing in the new bond issue.

## VILLA GOES SOUTH TO RAISE ARMY

Bandit Chieftain Can't Raise Forces  
In His Former States.

TO START ANOTHER CAMPAIGN

His Followers Said to Be Operating  
Flouring Mills to Supply Army.

Francisco Villa, bandit commander, whose command has been operating in Chihuahua, Sonora and Durango for the past year, in desperation over his failure to raise another army with which to reconquer the northern states of Mexico, has left his base of operations in the command of one of his generals, and with six of his staff has gone south to join Zapata. A captain who left the Villa forces in Durango last week and has just arrived in El Paso, gave this information to Consul General G. M. Seguin Monday, at El Paso. Other soldiers from the Villa army have told the consul general the same story on several occasions within the past ten days.

If the city of Rosario, Durango, has been captured by Villa bandits, the Mexican officials have not been notified of the attack and success of the Villa forces. Americans who have just returned from Durango declare that the bandit leader, with 600 men, captured the town, announced that he is "supreme ruler" of the district, and confiscated the flour mills in the city.

If Rosario has been captured by a force of 600 men, it is entirely probable that the bandits are not under command of Villa, but are led by the general under whom the brigand left his force. According to the Villa adherents the bandit commander has left for the south with the intention of obtaining a force with which to return to the north and reconquer the territory in which he was once supreme. When the bandit has joined Zapata, it is stated that he will seek assistance for his campaign. He has given up all hope of ever securing another victorious army in the north.

According to the Americans who reported the capture of Rosario, Villa bandits are operating flour mills in the city and are grinding thousands of bushels of wheat brought from the Rio Grande valley. Other industries have been taken over in the same way. Prices of foodstuffs have been fixed at lower prices than heretofore. Residents of Rosario and the district surrounding the city are paying for staples according to their means and wealth, the rich paying high prices and the poor paying correspondingly low prices.

The Villa force was seriously defeated more than a month ago by the combined command of General Francisco Murguía, commander of the forces of Chihuahua, and General Amaro, commander of the forces of Durango. Since Villa has been in hiding in the Durango mountains. He left his hiding place two weeks ago, it is stated, for the south.

## TEXAN GOES INTO THE GERMAN LINE.

W. O. Glancy, of Texas, gunner in the Canadian force on the western front, was the first man to carry the Stars and Stripes to victory over the Germans in this war. Glancy comes from Texas and is a fighting man. He joined the Canadians because he could not fight for Uncle Sam. When the Canadians went over Vimy bridge, Glancy carried an American flag. That was a famous victory. Ambassador Page recognized him, by honoring him in the hospital where he was taken after he was wounded. Then the British authorities, further to show their appreciation, permitted Glancy to wear a small American flag on his left arm.

## "SHE'S LOOKING FINE."

"She's looking fine" is the verdict of hundreds of people who have visited the oil well the past few days now drilling on the Anderson ranch a few miles from town. The drilling is being pushed with all possible speed and every innovation points to a big producer, being brought in at an early date.

## NEW MEXICO MUST RAISE \$2,000,000 OF LIBERTY LOAN.

The eleventh federal reserve district is expected to raise \$200,000,000 toward the second Liberty Loan. The minimum allotment for the district is \$75,000,000. The apportionments for the districts are: Texas, \$65,772,500; Oklahoma, \$1,200,000; New Mexico, \$2,000,000; Louisiana, \$2,800,000; and Arizona, \$2,100,000.

## RED CROSS CHAPTER TO ELECT OFFICERS.

There will be a business meeting of Columbus Red Cross Chapter held at the Methodist Church next Wednesday, October 10th, at 3 o'clock p. m. The object of the meeting is for the election of officers of the chapter for the ensuing year, and all members are requested to be present and take part in the proceedings. The following announcement has been received from Mr. Henry Swan, Director of Bureau of Development, with headquarters at Denver, which will be of interest to members of the Red Cross: "To all Chapters and Auxiliaries at Large."

The by-laws of the chapters and Red Cross organizations provide that a meeting shall be held between the 1st and 15th of October of each year for the purpose of electing officers and an executive committee, the presentation of reports and the transaction of such other business as the chapter may determine. The officers and the executive committee elected at this meeting shall take office on November 1st, 1917, and shall serve for one year. For the most part, chapters have a chairman, vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, and it is not necessary to elect other officers than these. The chairman, treasurer and secretary usually compose the executive committee. Auxiliaries and auxiliaries at large have only a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. Frequently a nominating committee is chosen by the chapter to present to the chapter at its annual meeting the names of the officers it is proposed to elect but this is not necessary and nominations may be made from the floor if a nominating committee is not selected to take care of this work.

We wish to call the attention of the chapters to the fact that branches and auxiliaries of chapters should be notified at once to hold their annual meeting and elect their officers who will take office on November 1st, 1917, to act for the ensuing year. Branches have the same officers that chapters have who may be either elected by a nominating committee or by nominations from the floor.

## NEW MINISTER ARRIVES.

Rev Grover C. Linn has been appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at Columbus by Bishop McCune, who presided at the New Mexico annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which recently adjourned.

Rev Linn arrived in Columbus Tuesday from El Paso. Mrs. Linn and little Dorothy accompanied him. They are now domiciled at the parsonage.

The new pastor wishes to announce that beginning Sunday, Oct. 7, work in all departments of the church will be resumed. He announces he has chosen the theme: "Why I Am Glad I Am a Christian" as the basis of his Sunday morning service.

Rev Linn is a young man who has had considerable success in gospel work and hopes to continue the activities of the church on the high plane maintained by the former pastor. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

## TRAIN HELD UP.

New Mexico experienced a new sort of hold-up when 65 citizens from Rosam, N. M., tied an automobile across the Rio Grande tracks near that town and stopped a passenger train carrying a contingent of draft men from the San Juan basin. When the train slowed down truckloads of tobacco and provisions were put aboard and the coaches were decorated with bunting. Then a big demonstration was begun. The men from Rosam made the 50 mile trip to the scene of the "hold-up" in motor cars.

## BLIND TIGER SHORT LIVED

Officials Close Joint, and Put the  
Place Out of Business.

QUANTITY OF ROOZE SEIZED

Accused Taken to Santa Fe and  
Turned Over to Government.

Mrs. Ida Brown was arrested Saturday night on a charge of conducting a "blind tiger." A large quantity of whisky and wine was found in her possession, which was seized by the officials and will be held as evidence in the case.

Mrs. Brown was placed in jail for safe keeping. Monday she was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Reed and pled guilty to the charge of selling whisky in territory restricted by the government. Commissioner Reed placed her bond at \$1000 for her appearance at U. S. Court at Santa Fe, which she was unable to make. Wednesday night she was taken to Denning by U. S. Marshal Murphy, and will be taken from there to Santa Fe, where she will be held pending the action of the United States court.

## REGISTRATION BOARD NOW IN SESSION.

The registration board for the election to be held on the 6th of November is now in session at the office of Squire Cole. The board will be in session October 4, 5 and 6, for the purpose of registering voters in this precinct. They will also be in session October 12, 20, and 27, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. All who are entitled to vote in this precinct are requested to register on the days and between the hours mentioned above. The members of the board are J. J. Peach, P. J. Cole and Ernest Espinosa.

## ANTI-WAR CROWD TO HAVE VOCATION.

Conscientious Objectors Caught By  
Draft Will Form Grave  
Digging Corps.

The War Department has found a use for the conscientious objectors caught in the army draft. They will be the army's "grave diggers." They will be attached to the armies in the field, but will take no part in the actual fighting. Instead, there will be the grim business of clearing up the battlefields after the fighting and burying the dead. They will also be employed in minor labor about the camps.

A name has been devised for the grave-digging corps. It will be known as the "mercy squadrons." It will sound much better in future generations, the War Department believes, to say that one's forebear was in the "mercy squadron" than that he was a grave digger.

In the task of cleaning up the battlefields much valuable equipment is recovered. This will be one of the mercy squadrons' tasks.

The squadrons also will be used in constraining rear lines. Persons who object to fighting on the ground of a well-defined religious belief were exempted from the draft. The squadrons of mercy comprise those who object to fighting on other grounds.

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## BOXING CONTEST CRYSTAL THEATRE OCTOBER 12th.

There will be a boxing contest given at the Crystal Theatre October 12th. One-round Ferguson, of the U. S. Code Department, Fort Bliss, Texas, will meet Thomas Hayden, Company K, Walter-Wright, Champion, in a 15-round bout. These men will weigh in at 145 pounds each, and are evenly matched. A semi-wind-up 15-round contest and a "contest" will complete the bill for the evening, and the fans are looking forward to one of the best entertainment that has been given at the Crystal this season. The 11th Infantry Band has been engaged to furnish the music for the occasion.

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## ANOTHER MOTHER INSANE BECAUSE SON IS DRAFTED.

Mrs. Ursula Korte, of La Grueva, has been committed to the New Mexico Hospital for the Insane. It was shown to the satisfaction of the court that Mrs. Korte's mind was unbalanced. She lost her reason because of worry when one of her sons was called for military service and told to report for examination in Mora. Mrs. Korte is a member of a prominent Mora county family. She is the mother of fourteen children.

A Vaughn woman recently went insane when her two sons entered the army, and is now in the Insane asylum.

## 300,000 TO BE SPENT ON BIG NEW MINE.

The immediate erection of a flotation-concentration mill, which will be available for milling of various ores, by the the 65 Mining company and the Lawrence Mining company, operating the Honey mine, is the most important announcement made for many months in the Lordsburg mining district, in the opinion of mining men.

The capacity of the mill at the 65 mine will be 500 tons daily with provision for increase to 1000 tons according to the plans, while the capacity of the mill for the Honey has not yet been determined upon. Final tests soon to be made will determine the capacity of the mill at the latter mine, but its erection is a certainty, according to announcements made by mine officials.

As it is definitely stated that the new mill at the Honey mine will also be equipped to handle various ores, mining men point out that this fact in itself is of the greatest importance to the mining fields. It will be possible for the small mining man to have his ore concentrated, thus making it possible to work properties about Lordsburg which might not otherwise be worked.

It is stated that \$300,000 will be spent by the 65 company in these improvements.

## APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS MADE AT CONFERENCE.

The following appointments of ministers for the coming year was made at the Methodist conference which met in Las Vegas last week: Superintendent—S. Alonso Bright, Mesquite, 416 South Third Street, Albuquerque.

Alamosa—To be supplied. Albuquerque—C. O. Beckman. Belton—W. J. Walls. Cimarron—W. E. Thomas. Clayton—R. R. Mills. Clayton Circuit—H. R. Mills. Columbus—Grover C. Linn. Des Moines—Herbert E. Nixan. El Paso, First Church—John M. Carlson.

Orchard Park and City Mission—Rufus C. Baker.

Espanola—W. H. Stevens. Estancia and Willard—J. A. Bretz. Elephant Butte and Mesilla Valley, to be supplied.

Fl. Sumner and Corona—El Le Breton.

Poison and Johnson's Mesa, to be supplied.

Las Vegas—O. Stockland. Maxwell—Jesse L. Meredith. Mountairale—Thomas V. Ludlow. Mesa Point and Grandview, to be supplied.

Nara Vie—Samuel F. Turner. Raton—Arthur P. Guines. Roswell—Ray S. Dunn. Roy—to be supplied.

Santa Fe—Frank K. Lockridge. Santa Rosa—J. Clyde Kneen. Santa Rita, Hurley and Capitan—to be supplied.

Solano—Roy L. Mathews.

South Clayton Circuit—to be supplied.

Silver City—E. H. Hammond.

Spring—W. E. Saville.

Taco—to be supplied.

The Park and Red River City—to be supplied.

R. W. Yorgin, of Denning, will feed thirty head of cattle near the Bendale sawing factory. He will move these cattle from his ranch within close proximity of the factory. Mr. Yorgin fears that the factory affords excellent feed for his cattle. These cattle have already been consigned to Denning buyers.

Columbus is a good place to live.